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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, the information given herein is true, that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one name is listed below) or an or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **CLONED GENOME OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS C VIRUS OF GENOTYPE 2a AND USES THEREOF**

which is described in. ☐ PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ and in

☒ the attached application or ☐ the specification in Application Serial No 09/980,559 filed December 3, 2001 (if applicable) and amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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